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8th July 1952, in which the order of priority for the assignment of lands was re-fixed. Those orders are applicable to lands which are not valuable."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA:—" ఇంతవరకు అయిదుసార్లు ఈ ప్రశ్న వేశాను. మంత్రిగారి జవాబులు చూస్తే అసలు ఆర్డరును చదివి చెప్పుతున్నారో, చదువకుండా చెప్పుతున్నారో నాకు తెలియలేదు. 1952 వ సంవత్సరం జూలై 7 వ తారీఖున జారీచేసిన జి. ఓ. లో single crop, wet గూడా వేలంవేసిగాని మార్కెటు కిమ్మతుకు గాని అమ్మవలసిందనే సూచనవుంది. దానినిబట్టి కంచెర్లపాలెం కరవరం గ్రామాలలో సాగుచేస్తున్న పేదలనుండి భూములు తీసుకొని అమ్మటం జరిగింది. ఈ విషయం గురించి ప్రభుత్వం దానిని సవరిస్తుందా? లేనియెడల మా ప్రాంతాలలో చాలా భాగం బంజరు సాగులు single crop, wet కావడం ఆ తర్వాత వాటిని వేలం వేయమంటే, 1952 వ సం॥ జూలై 8 వ తేది ఆర్డరులో landless poor కు prioirity యిస్తూ చేసిన సూచన ఉపయోగమేమైనావుందా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Sir, I could not understand the correct number of the G.O. spoken about in Telugu. So, I am not able to answer the question."

Improvements to the Bandakattu anicut in West Godavari.

* 427 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representations from the ryots of Polavaram taluk of West Godavari district for improving the "Bandakattu anicut" near Kannapuram; and if so, the action taken by the Government in that regard;

(b) the terms of the agreement between the Government and the Zamindars for the use of the "Bandakattu" waters; and

(c) whether the terms of the agreement were violated by the ryots cultivating zamindari lands at any time?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) to (c) The Bandakattu system which draws its supply from the Byneru river has five branch channels, irrigating several villages, some of which are situated in the erstwhile zamindari of Lakkavaram and Billumilli. The sharing of the waters of the channels between the koyas (Government ryots) and the then zamindari ryots was said to be governed by the terms of an agreement purported to have been entered into in the year 1870 by the zamindar of Billumilli and the Government. There is no definite proof to show that such an agreement was actually entered into, but it is stated, that according to its terms, the water had to be shared equally between the Government and the Zamin ryots. During the period 1946 to 1948, the Government received a number of representations in regard to the Bandakattu system. The main allegation in them was that in spite of the agreement the zamin ryots were appropriating the major portion of the water from the Bottugakoyakannam,

one of the branch channels in the system, and a request was made to ensure that the koyas got their customary supply of water. On the assumption that the agreement of 1870 was genuine and binding on the Government, the Government ordered in August 1947, that pending investigation of all the points at issue, the koyas should be permitted to temporarily cross-bund the Bottugakoyakannam, subject to the condition that the lands lower down (which were then zamindari) were not adversely affected. The Government also authorised the Collector of West Godavari to remove the temporary cross-bunding if at any time he considered it necessary. Subsequently in November 1949, the Government considered the question afresh in the light of the further reports submitted by the Collector and the Board of Revenue and decided to postpone it till after the Billumilli estate was taken over under the Abolition Act. The estate was taken over by the Government on 7—9—1950 and the Government are now awaiting proposals from the Board of Revenue in regard to the final settlement of the disputes over the waters of the Bandakattu channels. Action is also being taken to see what improvements are necessary to these channels."

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" In future, long answers may be placed on the table so that we may save the time of the House."

District Food Production Committees.

* 428 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the functions of the District Food Production Committees ; and

(*b*) whether the recommendations and resolutions of the Committee are binding on Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The functions of the District Food Production Committees are—

(i) to hear representations of ryots seeking assistance for increasing production of foodgrains in their holdings;

(ii) to review the working of the various Grow More Food Schemes in the District and submit periodical reports to the Provincial Committee at Ministerial level ; and

(iii) to make recommendations to the Provincial Committee on Grow More Food measures.

" (*b*) No."

Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars.

* 429 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state, in how many taluk offices in the State, Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars have been appointed?